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SUBJECT: TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS IN JAPAN

REF: (A) STATE 134822, (B) TAIPEI 3507

1. MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR WANG MENG-HSIEN CALLED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO HIS OFFICE JUNE 30 TO MAKE AN ORAL DEMARCHE ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMISSION INTO THE U.S. OF THE TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS WU MING-HUI AND CHANG CHING-TSE.

2. REFERRING TO THE CONVERSATION WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF JUNE 14 (REF B), WANG SAID HIS GOVERNMENT TOOK NOTE OF USG REASONS FOR GIVING PAROLE STATUS TO AND ADMITTING TWO ROC CITIZENS INTO THE U.S., AS WELL AS THE U.S. STATEMENT THAT IT HAD NO INVOLVEMENT IN OR FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THE PAIR'S FLIGHT TO JAPAN. WANG SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE MATTER BUT IT TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE ADMISSION INTO THE U.S. OF "TWO PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIME" FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTIFYING BEFORE A COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS. HE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT TWO OVERSEAS CHINESE NEWSPAPERS IN NEW YORK CITY HAD TAKEN A STRONG EDITORIAL POSITION AGAINST THIS U.S. ACTION.

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3. WANG CONCLUDED BY SAYING HIS GOVERNMENT FEARED THAT THIS ACTION "COULD HURT THE GOOD FEELINGS THE CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S." AND HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT AGAIN ADMIT FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE WITHIN ITS BORDERS. WANG ASKED THAT THE FOREGOING VIEWS BE PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR REVIEWED THE REASONS WHY THE
USG FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ADMIT THE TWO (REF A),
STRESSING OUR WISH TO AVOID THE PROLONGED CONTROVERSY
WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN AROUSED IF PAROLE HAD BEEN DENIED.

5. COMMENT: WANG MADE HIS PRESENTATION BRIEF AND WITHOUT
ELABORATION, SUGGESTING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS READY
TO CALL THE MATTER CLOSED. AFTER HIS PRESENTATION, WANG
MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT HE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO
HEAR THAT ONLY THE WASHINGTON POST HAD COVERED THE HEARING
AND THAT NO OTHER COMMENTARY HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION.
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